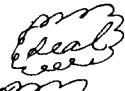
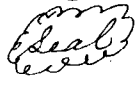


half more or less of a tract of land containing two hundred acres granted to William Melkison by his Majesty's letter patent bearing date the Twenty Second day of December one thousand seven hundred and Sixty three together with all and singular all improvements ways woods praters and water courses rights profits hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging to have and to hold to him the said Othaniel Trawnk and his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns and that free and clear from all manner of incumbrance whatsoever one half of all Gold and Silver Mines with the gent rents on the premises only excepted and the receipt whereof the said John Fincash doth for himself his heirs Executors and administrators and for every of them doth covenant to and with the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said John Fincash his heirs and assigns and for the said one hundred acres of land here mentioned premises hereby granted and mentioned to be granted with their appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns against him the said John Fincash and his heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim shall and will warrant and forever defend the above Bargained land and premises unto the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns forever and further the aforesaid John Fincash his heirs Executors administrators or assigns against all & every person or persons that shall or may at any time or times hereafter claim or to claim any part or parcel thereof by from under him or them or any of them upon the reasonable request of him the said Othaniel Trawnk or his heirs or assigns at their proper cost & charges shall and will Make do execute sign seal & deliver any such further Deeds or Deeds instruments conveyance that may or shall appear for the further and better assurance and confirmation of the hereby Bargained premises with their appurtenances to the aforesaid Othaniel Trawnk his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever as by them or them or by this or their counsel learned in the law shall or may be reasonably advised or required in witness whereof I the said John Fincash hath hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty fourth day of March one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five in the ninth year of Independence

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of  
Abraham Paul  
Elias Fincash  
John Leade

John <sup>hus</sup> Fincash   
mark  
Jean <sup>hus</sup> Fincash   
mark

Bladen August Term 1786 This deed was proved by John Leade Esqr and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 293.

John Paul

To

Othaniel Trawnk

State of North Carolina This Indenture witnesseth that John Paul of the County and State aforesaid planter for and in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds specie to him in hand paid by Othaniel Trawnk planter of the State of North Carolina

and County of Bladen the receipt whereof I the said John Paul doth hereby acknowledge and hereby doth fully freely and absolutely exonerate acquit and forever discharge the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns and by these presents hath given granted Bargained sold aliened Enfeoffed enforced conveyed and confirmed and doth give grant Bargain sell alien enforce convey and confirm unto the said Othaniel Trawnk a certain piece or parcel of Land in the said County of Bladen on the East side of Wilkisons Swamp Beging at a White Oak near a Tarklin McNeill's corner and runs his line East fifteen chains to a small Hickory thence North twenty five chains to a Stake thence East twenty two chains to a Stake on the 8<sup>d</sup> McNeill's line thence along the said line thirty eight lot forty three chains to an Oak McNeill's corner thence North fifty Degrees West six chains fifty links Dempsey Fweashes corner thence his line South forty Degrees West forty chains to a Stake on Richard Smith's line thence North ten degrees East forty 5 chains along Smith's line to a Hickory thence South Seventy four Degrees East thirteen chains to the Begining containing one hundred acres of land as doth more fully appear by a patent granted unto the said John Paul bearing date the twenty third day of October in the seventh year of our Independence in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty ~~four~~ two together with all and singular all the improvements ways woods waters and water courses premises here ditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging to have and to hold to him the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns and that free and clear from all Manner of incumbrances whatsoever the one half of all Gold and Silver Mines with the Dues on the premises only excepted and the receipt whereof I the said John Paul doth for himself his Executors Administrators and assigns and every of them doth covenant themselves to and with the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said John Paul his heirs and assigns and for the said one hundred acres of land here mentioned and premises hereby granted or Mentioned to be granted with their appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns against him the said John Paul his heirs and assigns and against all and every other person or persons <sup>lawfully</sup> claiming or to claim shall and will warrant and forever defend the above Bargained Land and premises unto the said Othaniel Trawnk his heirs and assigns forever and further the afore said John Paul his heirs Executors Administrators against every person or persons that shall at any time or times hereafter claiming or to claim any part or parcel thereof by and from under him or them or any of them and thereupon the reasonable

request of him the said Othaniel Townk or his heirs and assigns at their proper cost and charges shall and will make do & execute sign seal and deliver any such further deed or deeds or instruments of conveyance that may or shall appear for the further and better assurance and confirmation of the hereby Bargained land and premises with their appurtenances to the aforesaid Othaniel Townk his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns forever as by them or them or by this or their counsel learned in the law shall or may be reasonably advised or required in witness whereof I the said John Paul have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of November 1785

Test  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Mc Kessack  
Siow Alford  
Elias Fireash  
John Cade

Bladen August Term 1786

This Deed was proved by John Cade and ordered to be Registered

John<sup>his</sup> Paul Seal  
mark

John White C. C.

No 294  
John Money  
To  
John Young

This Indenture Made the twentieth day of July one thousand one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six Between John Money of the County of Bladen & State of North Carolina of the one part & John Young of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said John Money for and in consideration of the sum of ten pounds Specie to him in hand paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge himself to be fully satisfied contented and paid and thereof and therefrom doth acquit and discharge the sd John Young his heirs and assigns forever hath given granted Bargained sold aliened Enjoined conveyed and confirmed unto the said John Young his heirs and assigns forever a certain Messuage or tract of land containing two hundred acres of land lying and being in the County of Bladen on the West side of Morleys Branch Beginning at a White Oak near Morleys line and running West twenty two chains to a pine on William Olephants line thence on said line South two chains to said Olephants pine corner thence West ten chains to a pine thence Sixty chains to a pine East thirty two chains to a Lake then North Sixty two chains to the Beginning to have and to hold the said land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said John Young his heirs and assigns forever and that the said John Young shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter have hold and enjoy the said land and premises together with all profits and benefits of the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the said John Money doth engage that at the time of delivery of these presents he is Seized of a good right full power and lawful authority in his own proper Title to sell and dispose of the same and the said John

Money doth warrant and defend the said land and premises against himself and his heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever In witness whereof the said John Money hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

John M<sup>r</sup> Bay

John Money (seal)

In Wingate

Bladen August Term

1786 This Deed was proved by John Wingate and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 295  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Stevenson  
To  
W Wingate

This Indenture made the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six Between Alexander Stevenson of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina of the one part and Walter Wingate of the County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty pounds proclamation Money to the said Alexander Stevenson in hand paid by the said Walter Wingate before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained granted sold aliened Enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant Bargain sell alien Leaseoff convey and confirm unto the said Walter Wingate his heirs and assigns forever a tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres lying and being in the County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina on the South side of Bowles Swamp taken up by David Duncan by patent bearing date the 24th day of May one thousand seven hundred and Seventy three and sold by By Thomas Dawson by Deed Beginning at a pine by the South corner of the field and running South 80 East 230 poles thence N 10 E 180 pole thence N 80 W 160 pole to the swamp then direct to the Beginning to have and to hold with the appurtenances situated lying and being as aforesaid with and every of their rights Members and appurtenances whatsoever and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders of all and Singular the said lands emoluments hereditaments premises hereby granted or intended to be granted and every part and parcel thereof and all rents issues Services and profits to them or any of them incident belonging or appertaining & also & all & every the Estate rights Titles claims Interests and demands whatsoever of him the said Alexander Stevenson unto or

out of the said land tenements hereditaments & premises whatsoever hereby granted or mentioned to be granted or any other or any part thereof to have and to hold & the said lands tenements hereditaments and premises hereby granted with their appurtenances to the said Walter Mungate his heirs and assigns forever and the said Alexander Stevenson for himself his heirs Executors Administrators shall and will at all times waroant and forever defend the said premises to the said Walter Mungate his heirs and assigns against all lawful claims or demands whatsoever where by the above mentioned might or may be affected or incumbered contrary to the true intent and meaning of these presents witness whereof the said Alexander Stevenson hath hereunto set his hand and seal day and year first above written  
 Signed sealed and delivered  
 in presence of us

Alexander Stevenson 

John Mungate Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 John Mungate Jun<sup>r</sup>

Bladen August Term 1786 This Deed  
 was proved by John Mungate and ordered  
 to be Registered

John White C.C.

No 296  
 John Green  
 & wife  
 To  
 Robt Green

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come we John Green and Silence my wife of Bladen County in the province of North Carolina sendeth greeting Know ye that we John Green and Silence my wife for and the love good will and affection which we have and do bear unto our Brother Robert Green and for divers other good causes and considerations we here unto moving have given granted bargained confirmed and delivered and do by these presents give grant bargain confirm and deliver unto the said Robert Green a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bladen on the South West side of the Waggamaw Swamp containing two hundred and twenty acres being a part of a tract of land containing four hundred and fifty acres surveyed for James Baldwin by John Clayton the first day of January one thousand Seven hundred and thirty four the four hundred and fifty acres of land Beginning at a Black Oak and running So 45° Et 30 chains to a pine then N° 45° Et 16 chains to a pine thence N° 45° Et 30 chains to a White Oak thence down the Swamp for the complement to have and to hold the said two hundred and twenty acres of given land and premises to him the said Robert Green with all the right property claims and demand of us the said John Green and Silence my wife to him the



the said Robert Green his heirs and assigns to the only proper use Benefit and behoof of him the said Robert Green his heirs and assigns forever and That free and clear from all manner of incumbrance whatsoever the said Robert Green hereafter becoming due only excepted and we the said John Green and Silence my wife and our heirs the aforesaid two hundred and twenty acres of land and premises unto the said Robert Green and his heirs shall and will warrant and forever defend from all manner of person or persons whatsoever claiming any right Title or Interest thereunto in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty

signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of us

John Green *(seal)*  
Silence Green *(seal)*

Alexander <sup>his</sup> A. Hooper <sub>mark</sub>

Simon Green

Bladen August Term 1786 This  
Deed was proved by Simon Green  
and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 297  
Isaac Hollingsworth  
To  
Joseph Wilson

This Indenture made the twenty sixth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five Between Isaac Hollingsworth of Bladen County and State of North Carolina planter of the one part and Joseph Wilson of Bladen County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth the said Isaac Hollingsworth for and in consideration of the sum of ninety five pounds current money to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Wilson before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and of every part and parcel thereof doth fully freely and absolutely sponesate acquit and forever discharge the said Joseph Wilson his heirs executors Administrators & assigns and by these presents hath given granted Bargained and sold alined Enfeofed by these presents doth give grant Bargain sell alun Enfeof convey and confirm unto the said Joseph Wilson a parcel or tract of land lying in the County of Bladen and State aforesaid on the North East side of the North West River on Harrisons Creek Swamp Beginning at a small Black

Gum in the Swamp then No 80 Et 32 chains and 73 links to a Stake  
 central to three pines then No 10 Et 38 chains and 73 links to a pine near  
 the Swamp then No 80 Et 38 chains 73 links then No 10 Et 38 chains  
 and 73 links to the first station containing one hundred and fifty  
 acres of land be the same more or less granted to Silvanus Wilson  
 in and by his Magistrates letter patent dated the second day of November  
 1764 recourse thereunto being had doth and may appear and the said  
 Isaac Hollingsworth being lawfully possessed of the same doth by  
 these presents give grant bargain and sell alien and confirm unto  
 the said Joseph Wilson his heirs and assigns all the above men-  
 tioned hundred and fifty acres of land together with all the  
 woods waters water courses Mines Minerals hereditaments and appur-  
 tenances to the said land belonging or appertaining one half of  
 the Gold and Silver mines excepted to have and to hold to him  
 the said Joseph Wilson his heirs and assigns forever yielding  
 and paying the rents and duties that shall hereafter shall become  
 due as reserved in the patent and complying with the same together  
 also with all the rights titles interest property claim and demands  
 of him the said Isaac Hollingsworth who against him his  
 heirs Ex<sup>or</sup> Administrators or any other person or persons lawfully  
 claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them  
 the same will warrant and forever defend by these presents  
 and the said Isaac Hollingsworth for himself his heirs Ex<sup>or</sup>  
 or Administrators doth covenant grant and agree to and with  
 the said Joseph Wilson his heirs and assigns by these presents  
 that the said Isaac Hollingsworth his heirs Ex<sup>or</sup> Admin-  
 istrators and every other person or persons lawfully claiming or to  
 claim by from or under him or them shall and will at any time  
 hereafter at the reasonable request cost and charges in the  
 law of him the said Joseph Wilson his heirs and assigns do make  
 execute and acknowledge or cause to be made executed or acknow-  
 ledged all every such further or other reasonable act or acts  
 Deeds Deeds devise or devises in law whatsoever for the better assu-  
 rance and confirmation of the said premises together with the said  
 appurtenances unto him the said Joseph Wilson his heirs and  
 assigns as by him or them or his or their counsel learned in the law  
 shall be reasonably devised advised or required in witness  
 whereof the said Isaac Hollingsworth hath hereunto set his  
 hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered)

in the presence of  
 John Niscon  
 Silvanus Wilson

Isaac Hollingsworth Seal

Bladen August Term 1786 This deed was  
 proved by John Niscon and ordered to be  
 Registered

John White C.C.

No 298  
John Green's wife  
To  
Caleb Green

To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall come  
We John Green and Silence my wife of Bladen County and  
province of North Carolina sendeth greeting know ye that we  
the said John Green and Silence my wife for the love good  
will and affection which we have and do bear unto our Brother  
Caleb Green and for divers other good causes and considerations  
we hereunto moving have given granted bargained confirmed and  
delivered and do by these presents give grant Bargain confirm  
and deliver unto the said Caleb Green a certain piece or parcel  
of land lying and being in the County of Bladen on the South  
side of the Waggamaw Swamps containing two hundred and  
Twenty acres being part of a tract of land containing four  
hundred and forty acres surveyed for James Baldwin by  
Jno Kelayton the first day of January one thousand seven  
hundred and thirty five the said four hundred and forty  
acres of land Beginning at a Black oak and running S 45° E 80  
chains to a pine thence N 45° E 16 chains to a pine thence N 40  
40° W 80 chains to a White Oak thence down the Swamp for  
the complement to have and to hold the said two hundred  
and twenty acres of land and premises unto him the said  
Caleb Green with all the right property claim and dem  
and of us the said John Green and Silence my wife to  
him the Caleb Green his heirs and assigns to the only proper  
use benefit and behoof of him the said Caleb Green his heirs  
and assigns forever and that free and clear of all manner of  
incumbrances whatsoever the quitrents becoming hereafter due  
only excepted and we the said John Green and Silence my  
wife and our heirs the afore said two hundred and twenty  
acres of land and premises unto him the said Caleb Green  
or his heirs shall and will warrant and forever defend from  
all manner of person or persons whatsoever claiming any right  
Title or Interest thereunto in witness whereof we have here  
unto set our hands and seals This second day of August  
in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
Eighty

Signed sealed & delivered  
in the presence of

John Green (Seal)  
Silence Green (Seal)

Alexander Howel

Simon Green

Bladen August Term 1786  
This Deed was proved by Simon  
Green and ordered to be Registered

John White C.C.



No 299  
John Odom  
To  
Jesse Odom

This Indenture Witnesseth that John Odom Sen<sup>r</sup> of the State of North Carolina and County of Bladen for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty pounds Spice to me in hand paid by Jesse of the same County and State aforesaid the receipt whereof the said John Odom Sen<sup>r</sup> doth hereby acknowledge and thereof doth fully, freely and absolutely exonerate acquit and discharge the said Jesse Odom his heirs and assigns by these presents hath given granted Bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed unto the said Jesse Odom a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the said County of Bladen on the South side of Downing Creek containing one hundred acres on the old field Swamp beginning at a Turkey or Red Oak East of said Swamp Joseph Goodwins Mot and beginning corner & running thence N 38 E 4 chains and 42 links to a pine thence N 52 W 31 chains & 63 links to a Stake among 3 pines then So 38 W 31 chains & 63 links to a Stake among 4 pine pointers then So 52 E 31 chains and 63 links then direct to the Beginning (which said Land was patented by John Odom Sen<sup>r</sup> bearing date the seventh day of March 1775 also with all and singular the ways woods water & water courses rights liberties hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging to have and to hold to him the sd Jesse Odom his heirs Executors & assigns administrators & assigns forever and that free and clear of all manner of incumbrances whatsoever and the said John Odom for himself and heirs and assigns and for every of them doth covenant promise & grant to and with the said Jesse Odom his heirs & assigns the said one hundred acres of Land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned to be granted with all appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Jesse Odom his heirs or assigns against him the said John Odom Sen<sup>r</sup> and his assigns against all and every person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said John Odom Sen<sup>r</sup> hath hereunto set his hand and seal the fourth day of August one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six.

Signed sealed and delivered

John Odom (Seal)

in presence of

Jm Ellis

Elias Barnes

} Bladen August Term 1786 this Deed was acknowl  
edged in open Court and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 300  
William Beatty  
To  
D. M. Lauchland

This Indenture made the second day of August one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six Between William Beatty of the County of Richmond and State of North Carolina of the one part and Daniel M. Lauchland of the County of Cumberland

and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the aforesaid William Beatty for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds hard money to him in hand paid by the aforesaid Daniel McLauchland the receipt whereof the aforesaid William Beatty doth hereby acknowledge and hereby doth fully doth freely and absolutely acquit and forever discharge the aforesaid Daniel McLauchland his heirs and assigns by these presents hath given granted Bargained and sold alined Enfoffed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant Bargain sell unto the said Daniel McLauchland a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bladen and State aforesaid on the No East side of Downing Creek Beginning at a Maple about 150 yards above Hallads Landing and runs N 45° E 70 chains and thirty links then S 45° W 15 chains and 87 links then N 45° W 54 chains and 50 links to a Stake on the Creek Bank Between two Sweet Bays then up to the Beginning containing one hundred acres of land aforesaid by estimation be it the same more or less to have and to hold the said one hundred acres of land with all and singular Buildings improvements ways woods courses rights liberties Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in wise of rights appertaining and reversions rents issues and profits thereof to have and to hold the said one hundred acres of land and Hereditaments and premises hereby granted with their appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto the aforesaid Daniel McLauchland his heirs and assigns forever the one half of all Gold and Silver Mines together with quit rents that is due or shall hereafter become due on the said bargained land excepted and reserved to the use of the State and the said William Beatty his heirs and assigns doth covenant promise and grant to and with the aforesaid Daniel McLauchland his heirs and assigns against all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents and further the aforesaid William Beatty his heirs and assigns against all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim or that shall or may at any time or times

hereafter to have or claim any right title or Interest of in or to the said free bargained premises or any part or parcel thereof by from or under him them or any of them upon the reasonable request cost and charges in the law of the aforesaid William Beaty his heirs or assigns shall and will sign seal and deliver any further instrument or instruments of writing whatsoever for the better and better assurance and confirmation of the hereby granted premises with the appurtenances unto him the aforesaid Daniel McLauchland his heirs and assigns forever of by him or them or his or their counsel learned in the law shall or may be reasonably advised or required in witness whereof the said William Beaty and his wife hath hereunto each of us set our hands and seals the day and year above written  
Signed Sealed & delivered  
in presence of

William Beaty 

Mary <sup>sur</sup> Beaty   
mark

Dun<sup>n</sup> McFarland } Bladen August

Dugald Blue

Term 1786 This deed was proved by Duncan McLauchland and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 301

William McFatter

To

Daniel McLauchland

State of North Carolina) To all to whom these presents shall come I  
Bladen County (William McFatter of the aforesaid State  
and County planter send greeting where as I the said William McFatter for and in consideration of the sum of forty specie to me in hand paid or secured to be paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents by Daniel McLauchlan planter of the said State and County the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and himself to be therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and thereof do clearly and absolutely acquit exonerate and discharge the said Daniel McLauchlan his heirs & assigns forever by these presents have given granted bargained sold aliened Enjoined conveyed confirmed assigned and set over unto the said Daniel McLauchlan a piece or parcel of land in the County and State aforesaid in the swamp Island East of Downing (Creek) about a mile below Robersons ferry it being a Survey to me granted by George the third of Great Britain letter bearing date the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1773 and containing one hundred acres as by patent may more fully appear reference thereunto being had the premises hereby intended

intended to be bargained Beginning at a White Oak about  
 60 yds So-E of an old dam and running thence No 55-let 31 chains  
 and 63 links thence No 35 lot 31 chains & 63 links then So 55 West  
 31 chains and 63 links then direct to the beginning containing one  
 hundred acres by estimation be it the same more or less to have  
 and to hold the said one hundred acres of land lying and  
 being as aforesaid unto him the said Daniel Mc Luchlan together  
 with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto  
 belonging or in any wise appertaining to his or their own proper use  
 benefit and behoof for ever and further I the said William Mc  
 Fatter the said piece or parcel of land with the privileges and  
 appurtenance thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto  
 the said Daniel Mc Fatter Luchlan his heirs and assigns against  
 me my heirs Executors administrators and assigns and all and every  
 person and persons whatsoever with forever warrant and defend  
 by these presents and that free and clear of all incumbrances only  
 the State quit rents and Taxes excepted and reserved to the use of  
 the State forever I the said William Mc Fatter do oblige myself  
 heirs Executors administrators and assigns at any time or times  
 hereafter at the instance request cost and charges of the said  
 Daniel Luchlan his heirs and assigns to execute any other deed  
 or deeds for the further and more effectual conveyance of the  
 premises aforesaid unto the said Daniel Mc Luchlan his heirs  
 and assigns forever by the said Daniel Mc Luchlan his heirs or assign  
 or his or their counsel learned in the law shall be reasonably  
 devised advised or requested in witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and seal the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1786  
 Signed Sealed & delivered  
 in presence of us

William <sup>his</sup> Mc Fatter   
 mark

Archibald Mc Luchlan  
 Angus Mc Millan } Bladen August Term 1786 This Deed  
 was proved by Arch<sup>d</sup> Mc Luchlan and  
 ordered to be Registered  
 John White C. C.

No 302  
 Dempsey Fincash  
 To  
 William Wilkison

This Indenture Made the first day of February in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six  
 Between Dempsey Fincash of the one part and William Wilkison  
 Senr of the other part both of the County of Bladen and State  
 of North Carolina Witnesseth that whereas the said Dempsey  
 Fincash for the consideration of the sum of thirty pounds specie  
 to him in hand paid by the said William Wilkison at  
 or before the sealing and delivering of these presents

the receipt whereof the said Dempsey Fiveash doth give goant Bargain  
 sell convey and confirm unto the said William Wilkison his heirs and assigns  
 forever a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and  
 twenty five acres more or less lying in the County and State aforesaid  
 on the East side of Wilkisons upper Swamp Et of Little R.D. beginning at a  
 Black Oak about 100 Yards N. Et of a small Branch said to be the lower  
 Back corner of a Survey of Wilkisons and running thence S 49 Et 10  
 chains 8 8 links to a Maple in said branch thence S 41 Wt 38 chains  
 73 links to a Stake among two pines & a White Oak thence N 49 Wt 38 chains  
 and 73 links to a Stake between two pines thence N 7 East to a marked  
 Hickory thence N 35 Et along a line of marked trees to a Stake in  
 Turkle Mc Neills lower line and thence along his line to the beginning it being  
 one part of one hundred and fifty acres of land granted to Abraham  
 Barnes as may more fully appear by his Magistries letter patent granted  
 to the said Abraham Barnes and bearing date the 4th day of May  
 in the year of our Lord 1769 & thence by a deed of conveyance to Dempsey  
 Fiveash and the said one hundred and twenty five acres of land  
 and premises together with every part and parcel thereof with all  
 Houses Gardens ways woods waters and water courses with all Timber  
 with cleared grounds and all other privileges profits commodities  
 advantages to the said land belonging or in any wise appertaining  
 to the said William Wilkison his heirs and assigns forever and clear  
 from all incumbrances whatsoever from all jointures Dowries  
 Mortgages wills entails and all other Rights claims challenges  
 or demands of any other person or persons whatsoever and the  
 said William Wilkison his heirs and assigns forever shall and  
 may from time to time and at all times hereafter have hold  
 use occupy possess and enjoy the above Mentioned land and  
 premises with every part and parcel thereof in his or their  
 own proper Right full power and lawful authority to give or  
 dispose of the same lawfully and quietly seized and possessed  
 of the same and the said Dempsey Fiveash his heirs and assigns  
 forever against all and all manner of persons shall and  
 will warrant and forever defend the said land and premises  
 by virtue of these presents according to the true intent and  
 meaning of these presents and will acknowledge this  
 instrument of writing in open Court to be held for the  
 County of Bladen when thereto required in Witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first  
 above written

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of us

John Leade

Elizabeth Hebron Leade

Dempsey<sup>up</sup> Fiveash (seal)  
 mark

Bladen August Term 1786 This Deed was proved  
 by John Leade Esq<sup>r</sup> and ordered to be Registered  
 John White C. C.



No 303  
 Leharity Lennon  
 Wm Stevens  
 Abr<sup>m</sup> Stevens  
 To  
 Danl Lennon

Know all men by these presents that we Leharity Lennon William Stevens and Abraham Stevens all of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina are held and firmly bound unto Dennis Lennon in the past and full sum of one thousand pounds Specie to which payment will and truly to be made and done we bind our selves and each of our heirs Executors Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 20th day of February 1786 the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Leharity Lennon her or assigns do not Molest or claim any of the property of the above mentioned Dennis Lennon after this date nor Molest nor interrupt the said Dennis Lennon nor his heirs or assigns for any Maintenance or support of any kind whatsoever do not commence any suit at law against the said Dennis Lennon or his heirs or assigns for any part of his or their property or for any Maintenance or charges whatsoever for her the said Leharity or any of her heirs or assigns that then the above obligation to be void but if otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Signed sealed and delivered  
 in presence of

Joseph Powers

Leharity Lennon (seal)  
 William Stevens (seal)  
 Abraham<sup>his</sup> Stevens (seal)  
 mark

James Mc Kolsky Bladen August Term 1786  
 This Bond was proved by James Mc Kolsky  
 and ordered to be Registered

John White C.C.

No 304  
 John Hawthorn  
 To  
 John McQuagge

This Indenture made the twenty Eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six Between John Hawthorn of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina planter of the one part and John McQuagge of the County of Richmond and State aforesaid planter of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Hawthorn for and in consideration of the sum of forty pounds Specie good money received the said John McQuagge before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and every part thereof doth fully freely absolutely exonerate acquit and forever discharge the said John McQuagge

his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns by these presents hath given  
 granted Bargained sold alined Enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed  
 and by these presents doth give grant Bargain sell aline enfeoff convey  
 & confirm unto the said John McQuagge a certain piece or parcel of  
 land lying and being in our County of Bladen on the East side  
 of Shoe Creek beginning at a pine an Elbow of James Sanders line and  
 runs North Seventy best forty four chains and seventy three links  
 to a Stake then South twenty best forty four chains and seventy  
 three links to a Stake thence direct to the beginning containing two hun  
 dred acres more or less together also all Singular the Buildings  
 improvements Ways Woods waters and water courses rights like  
 ties hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belo  
 nging and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders  
 Rents issues and profits and all rights Titles Interest property claim  
 or demand whatsoever of him the said Hawthorn of in or to the  
 hereby granted premises in as full and ample a manner or Mentioned  
 to be granted with their appurtenances and every part and parcel  
 thereof unto the said John McQuagge and his heirs Executors to the  
 only proper use Benefit and behoof of him the said John Mc  
 Quagge his heirs and assigns forever and that free and clear  
 of all manner of incumbrances soever the quitrents hereafter and  
 the said John Hawthorn for himself his heirs Executors and adm  
 inistrators doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said  
 John McQuagge his heirs and assigns by these presents that the said  
 John Hawthorne and his heirs do hereby granted premises and every  
 part and parcel thereof with their appurtenances unto the said  
 John McQuagge his heirs and assigns against <sup>all</sup> and all manner  
 of person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim  
 shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents  
 and further that he the said John Hawthorne his heirs and  
 all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claim  
 ing or shall or may at any time or times hereafter to have or  
 to claim any Estate right title Interest of in or to the said  
 Bargained premises or any part thereof by from or under  
 him them or any of them upon reasonable request cost and  
 charges in the Law of the said John McQuagge his heirs  
 or assigns shall and will sign seal and deliver any further  
 and their reasonable instrument or instruments of writing  
 whatsoever for the further and better assurance and  
 confirmation of the hereby granted premises with their appu  
 tenances unto the said John McQuagge his heirs assigns  
 him or them or by his or their counsel learned in the law  
 shall or may be reasonably advised or required in witness  
 where of the said John Hawthorne hath hereunto set

set his hand and seal the day and year first above  
written

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of

John Hawthorne (Seal)

Alex & M<sup>c</sup>Neill

Samuel Porter

Bladen August Term 1786 This deed  
was acknowledged in open court and  
ordered to be Registered

John White C.C.

N<sup>o</sup> 305

Stephen Barfield

To

W<sup>m</sup> Summerset

This Indenture Made the twenty first day of June one  
Thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six Between  
Stephen Barfield of Bladen County and State of North Car-  
olina of the one part and William Summerset of the County  
and State aforesaid witnesseth that for and in consider-  
ation of the sum of Twenty pounds lawful money to the said  
Stephen Barfield in hand paid by the said William Sum-  
merset at and before the sealing and delivering of these  
presents the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged  
hath given granted Bargained sold alined Enfoffed con-  
veyed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant-  
Bargain sell alin Enfoff convey and confirm unto the  
said William Summerset his heirs and assigns forever  
a tract of Land containing one hundred acres lying and  
being in our County of Bladen on the North side of  
Gapway Swamp beginning at a White Oak in his own  
line in the edge of the said Swamp and running with his  
line North fifty five East sixty poles to a large pine thence  
North thirty five West one hundred and Eighty poles to a pine  
thence South fifty five West ninety poles to a Stake thence  
South thirty five East one hundred and Eighty poles to a  
Stake in his own line then along the said line North fifty  
five East thirty poles to the first Station with the appur-  
tenances situated lying and being as aforesaid with all  
and every of thins rights members and appurtenances  
whatsoever the reversion and reversions remainder and rem-  
ainders of and singular the lands tenements hereditaments  
and premises hereby granted or intended to be granted and  
of every part and parcel thereof and all rents issues servi-  
ces profits to them or any of them or any part and parcel of them  
or any of them incident Belonging or appertaining and also all  
and every the estate and estates Right Title claims interests  
and demands whatsoever of him the said Stephen Barfield

unto or out of the land tenements hereditaments and premises whatsoever hereby granted or mentioned to be granted or any of them or any part or parcel thereof to have and to hold the land tenement hereditaments and premises hereby granted with their appurtenances to the said William Somerset his heirs and assigns to them only proper use and behoof of the said William Somerset his heirs and assigns forever and the said Stephen Barfield for himself his heirs Executors Administrators doth hereby promise covenant and agree that he the said Stephen Barfield self his heirs Executors and Administrators shall & will at all times warrant and forever defend the said premises to the said William Somerset his heirs and assigns against all lawful claim or claim and whatsoever whereby the above mentioned premises might or may be affected or incumbered contrary to the true intent and meaning of these promises In witness whereof the said Stephen Barfield has here unto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of us

Hardy Valentine

Luke Barfield

Bladen

Stephen Barfield 

August Term 1786 This Deed was proved by Hardy Valentine and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No. 306  
Mathew Jones  
Power Atty

Know all men by these presents that I Mathew Jones of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have made ordained authorised and appointed and by these presents do make ordain authorise and appoint Saml Porter of the same place My true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to ask demand sue for and recover from any person or persons indebted to me by Book bond Bill Note or any other way and to have use and take all lawful ways and Means in my name or other wise for the recovery thereof to compound and agree for the same and acquitances or other discharges sufficient for the same and in my name to make seal and deliver and do all other acts as fully as I could do were I personally present ratifying and confirming all my said Attorney shall lawfully do in my name or cause to be done about the premises by virtue of these presents In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty six

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of

James Rowland

Solomon Birey

Bladen August Term 1786 This Power was proved by James Rowland and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

Mathew Jones 


No 307  
David Rozar  
To  
Neill McAlpin

This Indenture made this ninth of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four between David Rozar of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina of the one part and Neill McAlpin of the same County and State of the other part witnesseth that the said Rozar for and in consideration of the sum of forty five pounds Specie paid him in hand by the said Neill McAlpin the receipt whereof the said Rozar doth hereby acknowledge himself fully satisfied contented and paid and therefore of every part and parcel thereof doth fully and clearly release exonerate acquit and discharge the said Neill McAlpin his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns by these presents hath given granted Bargained sold aliened and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant Bargain sell alien and confirm unto the said Neill McAlpin his heirs and assigns a certain tract of land containing one hundred acres lying and being on the Horse Branch on the south side of the great Marsh in Bladen County and State of North Carolina beginning at an Oak above the Horse Branch near the improvement and running South thirty six chains to a Stake and three pines then East twenty seven chains and seventy eight links to a Stake then West twenty seven chains seventy eight links to the beginning as by the plat annexed to the patent granted for the said land doth appear to have and to hold the aforesaid lands together with all woods waters Mines Minerals Residutaments rights liberties and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or appertaining unto the said Neill McAlpin his heirs and Executors forever in as full and ample a manner as the same was granted in the said David Rozar By a patent bearing date the twelfth day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine and the said David Rozar doth further grant to and with the said Neill McAlpin his heirs and assigns that he they or any of them shall and may forever here have hold occupy possess and enjoy the afore said lands with all the other premises and appurtenances hereunto belonging or appertaining and every part and parcel thereof one half of all Gold and Silver mines excepted and that free of all manner of incumbrances whatsoever he the said Neill McAlpin his heirs or assigns paying yearly for the same as the patent for the said doth direct and the said David Rozar his heirs and assigns doth hereby covenant promise and grant to and with the said Neill McAlpin his heirs and assigns by these presents have hold enjoy and possess the afore said land and premises against him the said David Rozar his heirs Executors administrators and assigns and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend the same against the claim or claims of any person or



persons whatsoever and further that he the said David Rogar at the request and at the cost and charges of the saidNeill McAlpin his heirs and assigns shall and will make or cause to be made & done any other further assurance whatsoever for the better sure making & confirming of the aforesaid land and premises to the said Neill McAlpin his heirs and assigns or as his or their counsel in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required in witness whereof the said David Rogar hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written

signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

David<sup>his</sup> Rogar   
mark

James Stevens

Daniel Campbell

Bladen August Term 1786 This Deed was  
proved by James Stevens and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 308  
Wm Carver  
Benj Sims  
Agreement

State of North Carolina) Articles of agreement Made Between  
Bladen County & William Carver of Fayette and Benjamin  
Sims of Bladen County both of the aforesaid State on the tenth day  
of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
Eighty four it is agreed between William Carver of the one part for  
himself his heirs or assigns to perform the following agreement and the  
aforesaid Benjamin Sims of the other part for him self his heirs and  
assigns to perform his or their part of the said following agreement  
that whereas the aforesaid Benjamin Sims has a good Saw Mill  
seat on Plummer Creek SW of New River in the County of Bladen  
and aforesaid State of North Carolina that William Carver  
of Fayette County is by his agreement to Build a good and sufficient  
Saw Mill fifty feet long working with two saws at the same time  
the expenses whereof for Irons Carpenters work dam &c are to be  
wholly defrayed by the said William Carver his heirs Executors  
Administrators or assigns he or they are to keep the said Mill Dam  
in good repair and working order for the space of ten years  
then to surrender the said Mill with the Dam and other works  
of the said Mill in good order to the said Benjamin Sims his  
heirs Executors Administrators or assigns in consideration whereof  
when the said Mill is built both parties being by this agreement  
bound to be at equal expenses on purchasing carts waggons or suitable  
carriages for bringing logs to the said Mill as also on suitable Teams  
of horses or oxen for drawing the aforesaid logs to the aforesaid Mill  
all which Timber likewise in cutting carting and cutting such Timber  
for sawing to the said Mill all which Timber for sawing in said  
Mill is to be taken off the most convenient part of the said Benjamin

Sime land which he now possesses as also the said leaver is to have  
 Timber for Building of the said Mill from off the same land also  
 when the aforesaid Mill shall be completed for sawing the aforesaid  
 parties shall jointly purchase what logs they can saw at said Mill  
 Equally working till the logs are reduced to merchantable Lumber  
 which is to be equally divided at the Mill Between the said William  
 Carver and Benjamin Sime their heirs or assigns also each party  
 is to provide an equal share of fodder hay and grain feeding the  
 aforesaid Teams of Horses Oxen or whatever such teams are compos-  
 ed of the said William Carver doth hereby that the aforesaid  
 Mill shall be in good and sufficient order for sawing within  
 six months after this date and it hereby agreed that each party  
 take to himself at the expiration of the aforesaid ten years one  
 half of the partnership teams above mentioned and one half the  
 carriages. Know all men by these presents that I William Carver  
 of Fayette County in the State of North Carolina am held and  
 freely bound unto Benjamin Sime of Bladen County and State  
 aforesaid in three thousand pounds of the aforesaid  
 State to be paid to the said Benjamin Sime his certain Attorney  
 Executors Administrators or assigns for which payment will  
 and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors Admin-  
 istrators and assigns firmly by these presents sealed with  
 my seal dated this Tenth day of November in the Eleventh  
 year of our American Independence and in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four  
 The condition of this obligation is such that if the above  
 bound William Carver his heirs Executors Administrators  
 or shall and do will and truly comply with his agree-  
 ment in every article and part thereof which he the said  
 William Carver made with Benjamin Sime with regard  
 to building and keeping in repair a Saw Mill and at-  
 works and surrendering the same to the said Benjamin  
 Sime in good order and at the time appointed in the  
 said agreement which stands on the left hand of  
 this obligation on the same sheet of paper and dated  
 the same day with these presents then the obligation  
 shall be void and non affect or else be and remain  
 in full force and virtue and liable to make good  
 such damages as the Estate of the said Benjamin  
 Sime may sustain at any time when the said for-  
 untel the whole shall be recovered if found expedient  
 In the fifth line of this condition (a saw mill) was  
 intended before the signing and sealing thereof

Signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of

William Carver 

Robt Edwards } Bladen November Term 1786 This deed  
Jesse Carver } was proved by Robert Edwards and  
ordered to be Registered

John White C.C.

No 309  
Thos Haynes  
To  
John Gessip

This Indenture made the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six by and between Thomas Haynes of Bladen County in the in the State of North Carolina of the one part and John Gessip of the other part witnesseth that the said Thomas Haynes for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds current Money of North Carolina current Money to him in hand paid by the said John Gessip at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof he the said Thomas Haynes doth hereby acknowledge himself therewith to be fully satisfied contented and paid have given granted Bargained and sold conveyed and confirmed and do by these presents give grant Bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said John Gessip his heirs and assigns two tracts or parcels of land containing three hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less lying and being in the afore-said County of Bladen and one the Beaver Dam Swamp but the first piece containing two hundred and fifty acres Beginning at a large Red Oak about a quarter of a mile above Daniel Tomers line and running west 200 poles to a Stake and three pines then North 200 poles to a Stake then East 200 pole to a Stake then South 200 pole to the Beginning the other one hundred acres Beginning at a small White Oak and running West 127 pole to a Stake and three pines then North 127 pole to a Stake then East 127 pole to a Stake then South 127 pole to the Beginning both pieces of the said land surveyed for said Thomas Haynes the 8th day of August 1778 and patent granted by his byelley Richard Caswell Esq as will more fully appear by the patents and grants and now to the said John Gessip his heirs and assigns to have and to hold the said land together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said John Gessip his heirs and

assigns to his or their own proper use benefit and behoof for ever and I the said Thomas Haynes for myself my heirs Executors & administrators do promise grant and agree to and with the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns by these presents to him the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns shall and may at all times hereafter have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the free Bargained tracts of land without the interruption molestation or hinderance of him the said Thomas Haynes his heirs Executors or assigns or any person or persons whatsoever and I the said Thomas Haynes for me my heirs Administrators or assigns do further covenant and agree to and with the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns that I and my heirs Executors Administrators or assigns shall and will at all or any time at the reasonable request of him the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns make do perform execute any reasonable act thing or conveyance in the law needful for the more perfect assuring and confirming the aforesaid tracts of land unto the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns or his or their counsel learned in the law shall be reasonably devised and required and lastly the said Thomas Haynes for myself my heirs Executors and administrators or assigns do promise to warrant and defend the aforesaid tracts of land unto him the said John Lessip his heirs and assigns against all person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered

Thomas Haynes 

in presence of

of a Council

Bladen August Term 1780

Alex<sup>r</sup> G. Graham

This Deed was acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be Registered

John White C. C.

No 310  
Joel Pitman  
To  
James Phillips

This Indenture made the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six between Joel Pitman of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina of the one part and James Phillips of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Joel Pitman for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds specie to him in hand paid before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof the said Joel Pitman doth hereby acknowledge himself to be fully satisfied contented and paid hath given granted

bargained and sold aloned Enfeoffed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do absolutely give grant Bargain Sell and confirm unto the said James Phillips his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres more or less with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the same belonging or in any wise appertaining situated lying and being in the aforesaid County of Bladen or great Hog Swamp bounded and lined as follows Beginning at a water oak in the mouth of a branch known by the name of pole cat or persimmon Branch to the fork and thence a direct to the back line to the corner thence along the upper line to the corner then down Swamp to the beginning it being part of a tract of land granted to Capt Samuel Smith by patent bearing date the 11th day of March 1775 To have and to hold the said land and premises and every part thereof together with all houses fences orchards and Gardens to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and that free and clear kept harmless and indemnified of all and other bargains sales gifts grants Mortgages or any other encumbrances whatsoever the arrears becoming due to the State only excepted and that the said James Phillips his heirs and assigns shall and may forever hereafter peaceably and quietly hold possess and enjoy all and singular the said land and premises according to the true intent and meaning of these presents and the said Joel Pitman against himself his heirs & against all and every other person or persons whatsoever the said land and premises unto the said James Phillips shall and will warrant and forever defend by virtue of these presents in witness whereof the said Joel Pitman hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

Joel Pitman 

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of  
Samuel Porter

Bladen August Term 1786 This deed  
was proved by Samuel Porter and ordered  
to be Registered

Charles Bullock

John White C.C.

No 211  
John Smith  
To  
John White

This Indenture made the      day      of      in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four and in the Eighth year of the State between John Smith of Guilford County in the state of North Carolina by his attorney John Willis of Drowning Creek and County of Bladen in the State of North Carolina of the one part and John White <sup>Clerk</sup> of Bladen County aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said John Smith by John Willis his said attorney for and in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds specie to him in hand paid by the said John White the receipt whereof the said John Willis doth



his attorney hath granted Bargained sold alined & confirmed and by these presents doth grant Bargain sell alin and confirm unto the said John White his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land containing four hundred acres Situated lying and being on the south west side of Downing Creek in the County of Bladen aforesaid Beginning at a Water Oak on the bank just above Jacobs Bluff landing running thence west one hundred and thirty two chains and Eighteen links then South thirty one chains and Sixty three links then East one hundred and twenty chains Seventy links by a Sweet Bay on the creek bank then up to the beginning by patent granted to Howell Holliman and dated the Eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy one and by him conveyed by deed to the afore said John Smith dated the thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two (will more fully appear reference being thereunto had to have and to hold the said Bargained piece of land and all and Singular the said premises above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said John White his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said John White his heirs and assigns forever and the said John Smith by John Willis his said attorney for them and their heirs the said piece or parcel of land and premises and every part thereof against them and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever the said John White his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the afore said John Willis hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed & delivered

John Willis (Seal)

in presence of  
Ralph Regan

John Rowland

May 17 84 This Deed was acknowledged  
in open Court and ordered to be  
Registered

John White l. l.

No 312

John Sterling  
To  
Andrew Griffin

This Indenture made the Eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five Between John Sterling of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina Planter of the one part and Andrew Griffin Gun<sup>r</sup> planter of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part-witnesseth that the said John Sterling for and in consideration of the sum